



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE**

**Thursday, December 1, 2016      9:00 a.m.      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Leonard, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Leonard, Theis, Franz, Goike, Glardon, LaFontaine, Lyons, Barrett, Runestad, Vaupel, Webber, Cochran, Banks, Clemente, Kosowski, Gay-Dagnogo, Wittenberg.

Representative LaFontaine made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on September 15, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5831 (Barrett)      Insurance; producers; continuing education credit carryover system for insurance producers; provide for.

HB 5917 (Barrett)      Insurance; insurers; filing fee for annual statement for foreign insurers; eliminate.

Representative Barrett reviewed the provisions of HB 5831 and HB 5917 with the Committee.

Chad Arnold, representing the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS), spoke to the Committee in support of HB 5831 and HB 5917.

Cards indicating support for HB 5831 were submitted by:

Ryan Burtler, representing the Michigan Association of Health Underwriters  
Matt Solak, representing NAIFA, Michigan  
Scott Hummel, representing the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents

Chair Leonard stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 9:15 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Representative Barrett made a motion to report HB 5831 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Leonard, Theis, Franz, Goike, Glardon, LaFontaine, Lyons, Barrett, Vaupel, Cochran, Banks, Clemente, Kosowski, Gay-Dagnogo. (14/17)

**Nays:** None. (0/17)

**Pass:** Representatives Runestad, Webber, Wittenberg. (3/17) (14/0/3)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative LaFontaine made a motion to report HB 5917 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Leonard, Theis, Franz, Goike, Glardon, LaFontaine, Lyons, Barrett, Runestad, Vaupel, Webber, Cochran, Banks, Clemente, Kosowski, Gay-Dagnogo, Wittenberg. (17/0)**

**Nays: None. (0/17)**

**Pass: None. (0/17) (17/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

SB 697 (Jones) Insurance; property and casualty; reporting requirement by insured for a nonaccidental building or other structure fire; provide for.

Support for SB 697 was indicated by Ken Cole of GCSI; a representative of the City of Detroit; Charles Smith, Detroit Fire Department; and Patrick McNulty, Chief of Arson, City of Detroit.

Chad Arnold, representing DIFS, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill.

Representative Glardon made a motion to report SB 697 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representative Leonard, Theis, Glardon, LaFontaine, Lyons, Barrett, Runestad, Vaupel, Webber, Cochran, Banks, Kosowski, Gay-Dagnogo, Wittenberg. (14/17)**

**Nays: Representatives Franz, Goike. (2/17)**

**Pass: Representative Clemente. (1/17) (14/2/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee for the purpose of receiving testimony.

SB 1104 (Shirkey) Torts; medical malpractice; damages for medical expenses; limit.

Senator Shirkey reviewed the provisions of SB 1104 with the Committee.

Dan Schulte, representing MSMS, spoke in support of the bill.

Donna MacKenzie, representing the Michigan Association for Justice, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Robert Kamena, representing the Insurance Institute of Michigan, spoke in support of the bill.

Marc Lipton, representing Lipton Law, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Cards indicating support for SB 1104 were submitted by:

Nathan Medina and Bill Fleming, representing The Doctors Company

Mike Reynolds, representing Proassurance

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber

Kevin A. McKinney, representing the Michigan Osteopathic Association

Colin Ford, representing the Michigan State Medical Society

Dillon McGough, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Leonard declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:28 a.m.

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Representative Tom Leonard, Chair

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